

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph of the specification from page 10, line 11 to page 10, line 28 with the following replacement paragraph:

FIG. 1 is a front view of a turret punch press of the embodiment. As shown in FIG. 1, a disk-shaped upper turret (punch holding member) 22 and a lower turret (die holding member) 24 are mounted on a frame 20 of a turret punch press so as to be rotatable. A number of punches (punch assembly) 26 are mounted on the circumference of the upper turret 22 so as to be vertically movable in relation to the upper turret 22. Similarly, dies 28 corresponding to the punches are mounted on the circumference of the lower turret 24. A striker 30 for striking a punch located at a predetermined position is provided at a predetermined position of the frame 20 so as to be vertically movable. A workpiece positioning device 32 which moves ~~horizontally~~ a workpiece (sheet metal) W horizontally and positions it between the punches 26 and the dies 28 is provided. Therefore a desired punching can be performed in a desired portion of a workpiece by the steps as follows: positioning a desired punch 26 and die 28 under the striker 30 by turning properly the turrets 22, 24; positioning a desired portion of the workpiece between the punch and the die by moving properly the workpiece positioning device 32; and striking the punch with the striker 30.

Please replace the paragraphs of the specification from page 15, line 27 to page 16, line 7 with the following replacement paragraphs:

Among the identification information, the "angle" has a different value for each position set on the outside circumferential surface of the punch 26 and the die 28. For example, in case of the die identification medium, four identification media 36a, 36b, 36c, and 36d are attached as shown in FIG. 11, and the angles of the respective identification media are set as 0°, 90°, 180°, and 270° from a key-~~56~~ 57 of the die 28 as a reference.

In this specification, the punch and the die may be called generally as a "tool", and the punch identification medium 34 and the die identification medium-~~36a~~ 36 may be called generally as a "tool identification medium".

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Please replace the paragraph of the specification from page 27, line 30 to page 28, line 11 with the following replacement paragraph:

1. Region R1:

Processing intention: straight line allocation (outside cutting),

Processing pattern: continuously progressing punching,

Position, range, and progressing direction:

Continuously progressing punching starting point=a point distant from point A5 toward A1 on the line L1 by a joint width-~~W~~ JW,

Continuously progressing punching end point=a point distant from point A1 toward A5 on the line L1 by a joint width-~~W~~ JW,

Continuously progressing punching width=not less than 5 mm and not more than 10 mm,

Processing order: after punching of individual holes,